

**Frederick County Commission on
Disabilities (COD) Minutes
Monday April 12, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Karen Duffy who recognized the existence of a quorum and called for approval of the meeting agenda which was done by unanimous vote with a motion by Lisa Clark and a second by Theresa Posthuma.

- II. Attendance
The following members were present: Karen Duffy, Marsha Flowers, Theresa Posthuma, David Drezner, Karen Rushing and Lisa Clark. County staff members Miles Ward and Pat Fleet, Guests: Mark Swift and Jacqueline Kanekune were also in attendance.

- III. The guest speaker was Megan Guzman the Executive Director of L Arche. L'Arche Frederick's mission is to create an inclusive community of faith and friendship. The participants in L'Arche

are people with and without intellectual disabilities, sharing life in communities.

L'Arche Frederick envisions a community of loving homes where people with and without disabilities live and work together as peers. They have no homes available yet as the process for licensing is held up for all group homes due to COVID.

IV. Business

a) A motion was made by Lisa Clark with a 2nd by Theresa Posthuma which led to a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the March 2021 COD meeting.

b) Dave Drezner reported that the speaker for the May will be Dave Olney from Frederick County; he will speak about the ADA improvements in Frederick County.

c) A complaint was received regarding a store using its handicap spaces to store stock for sale. Miles Ward asked if any COD members were interested in working on a response to it.

d) A recommendation was put forth to nominate Mark Swift as a new member. Mr. Swift gave a quick overview of his qualifications. Karen Duffy made the nomination and Theresa Posthuma

seconded. The vote was unanimous. His name will be given to the County Executive's office for a determination.

e) A recommendation was made to reappoint Karen Duffy to the Commission by Lisa Clark, a second was made by Theresa Posthuma with a unanimous vote in favor.

f) The current plan is that the 2021 COD public event will be held in October. This is pending the situation with health concerns.

g) Marsha Flowers resigned from the Commission April 10, 2021.

V. Members that chose to do so gave closing remarks.

VI. The meeting was adjourned.